

Main Plaza



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Tonight's Meeting

- Information Packet Handout
 - Agenda
 - Summary of PPS Report on Recommendations & Opportunities for Historic Main Plaza
 - Summary of Places & Activities within Main Plaza



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- Overview of Design & Public Input Process
- Preferred Schematic Plan
- Public Comment
- Next Steps



Existing Conditions at Main Plaza



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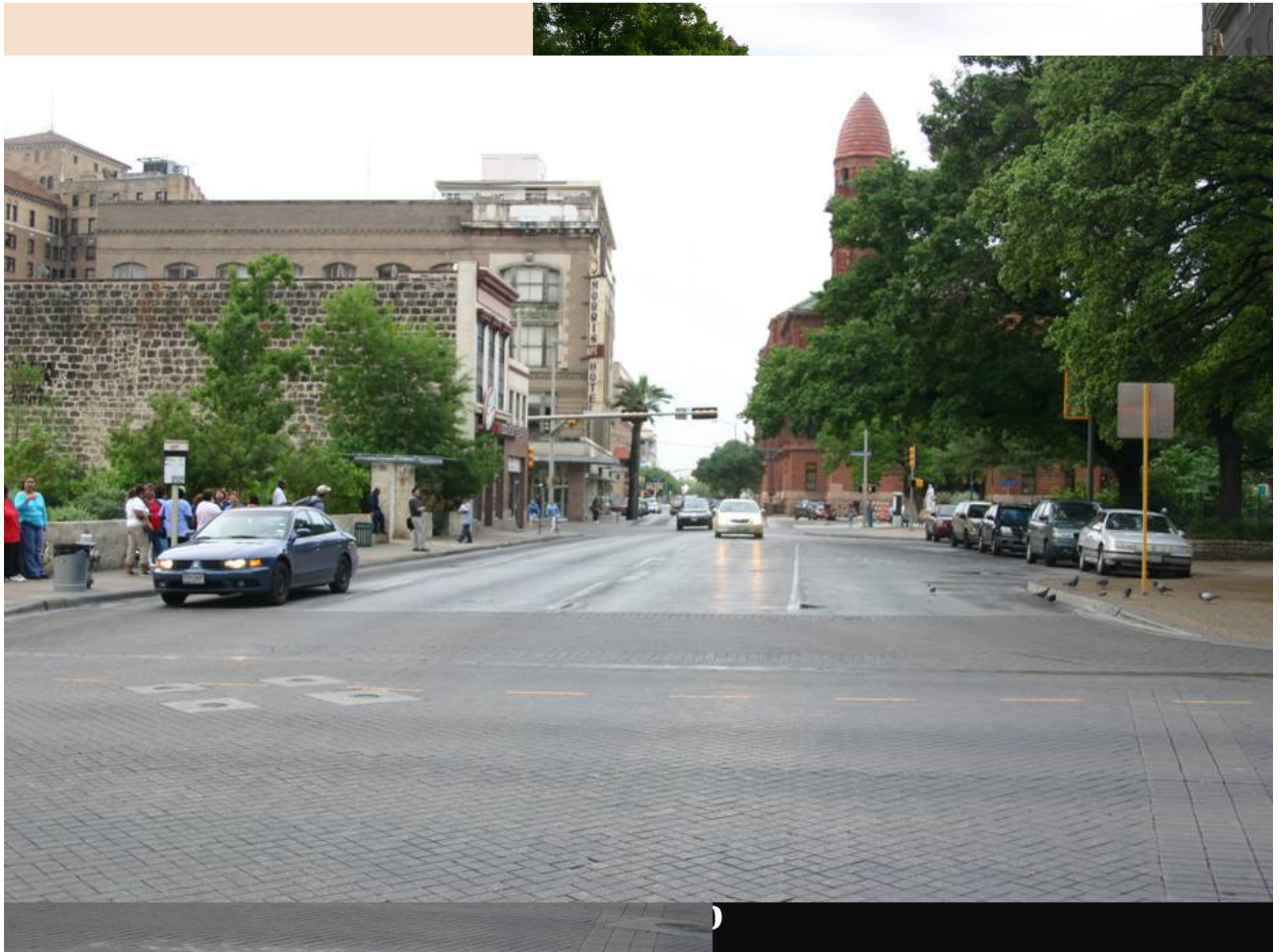


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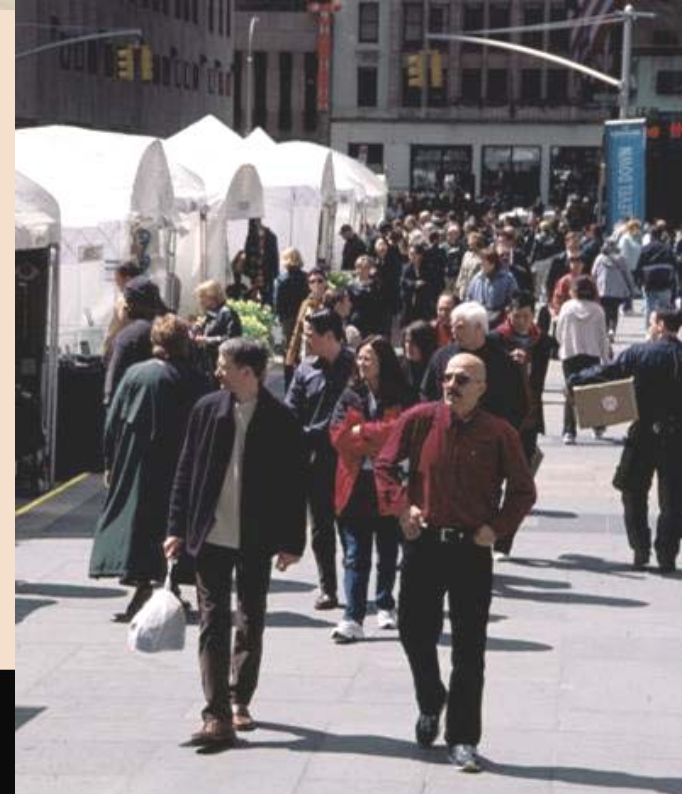


Inspiration From Other Cities

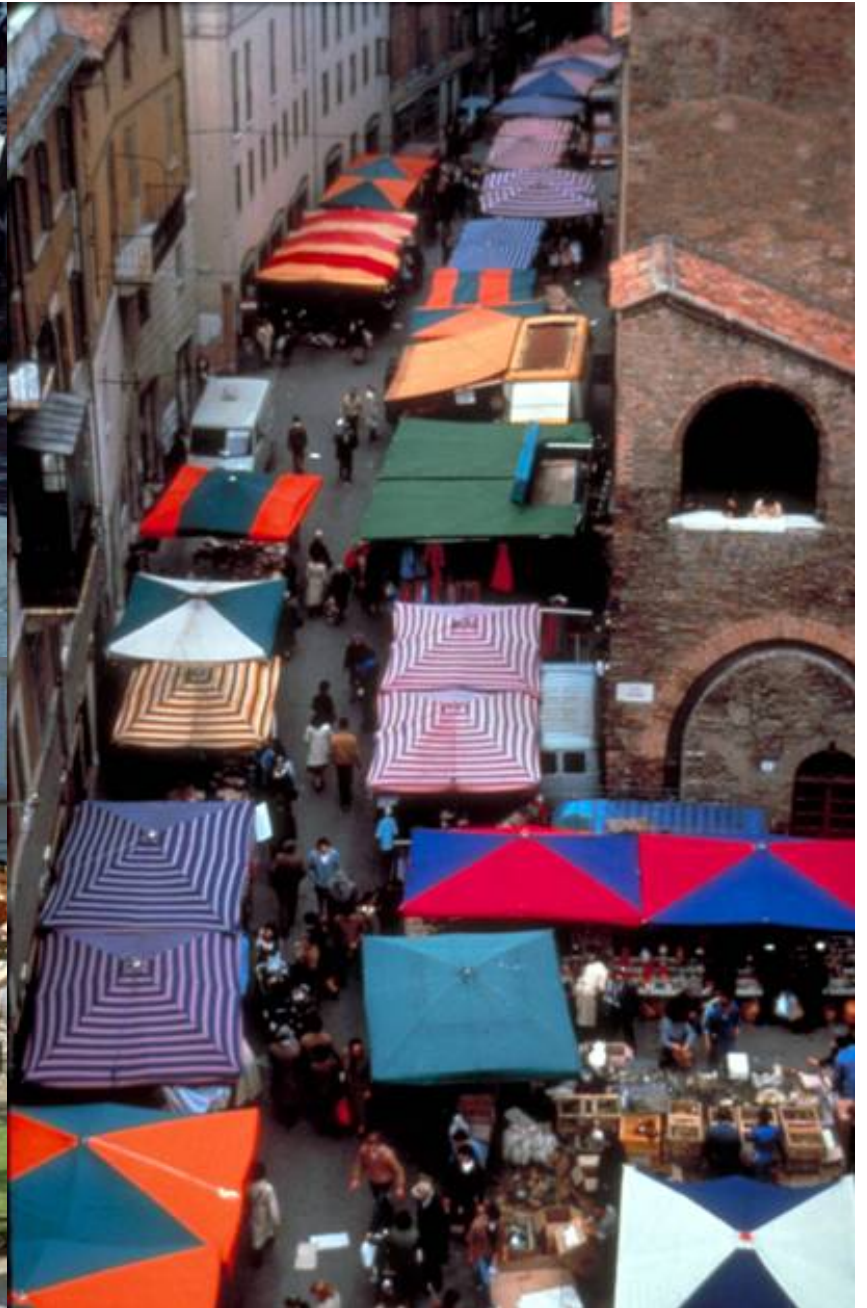


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Objectives

- Strengthen the connection between Main Plaza and the River
- Strengthen the connection between Main Plaza and Market Square



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- Commerce Street and Market Streets traffic lanes remain the same width, and same location (as they are today)
- Enhanced pedestrian corridors with promenades and pathways north-south and east-west
- Enhanced street-level retail opportunities
- New infrastructure to resolve drainage problems, provide lighting & security, provide WiFi, etc.



Design Principles

Strong Connection to the River
Strong Connection from East to West
Café Environments and Vending
Linked to Surroundings
Linked to History of San Antonio
Unified Plaza
Transportation Improvements



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Design Principles

Pedestrian Oriented Environment

Flexible Space

The Inner Park & the Outer Park

Attractions & Destinations

Identity & Image

Comfort, Green Spaces & Shade

Gathering Space



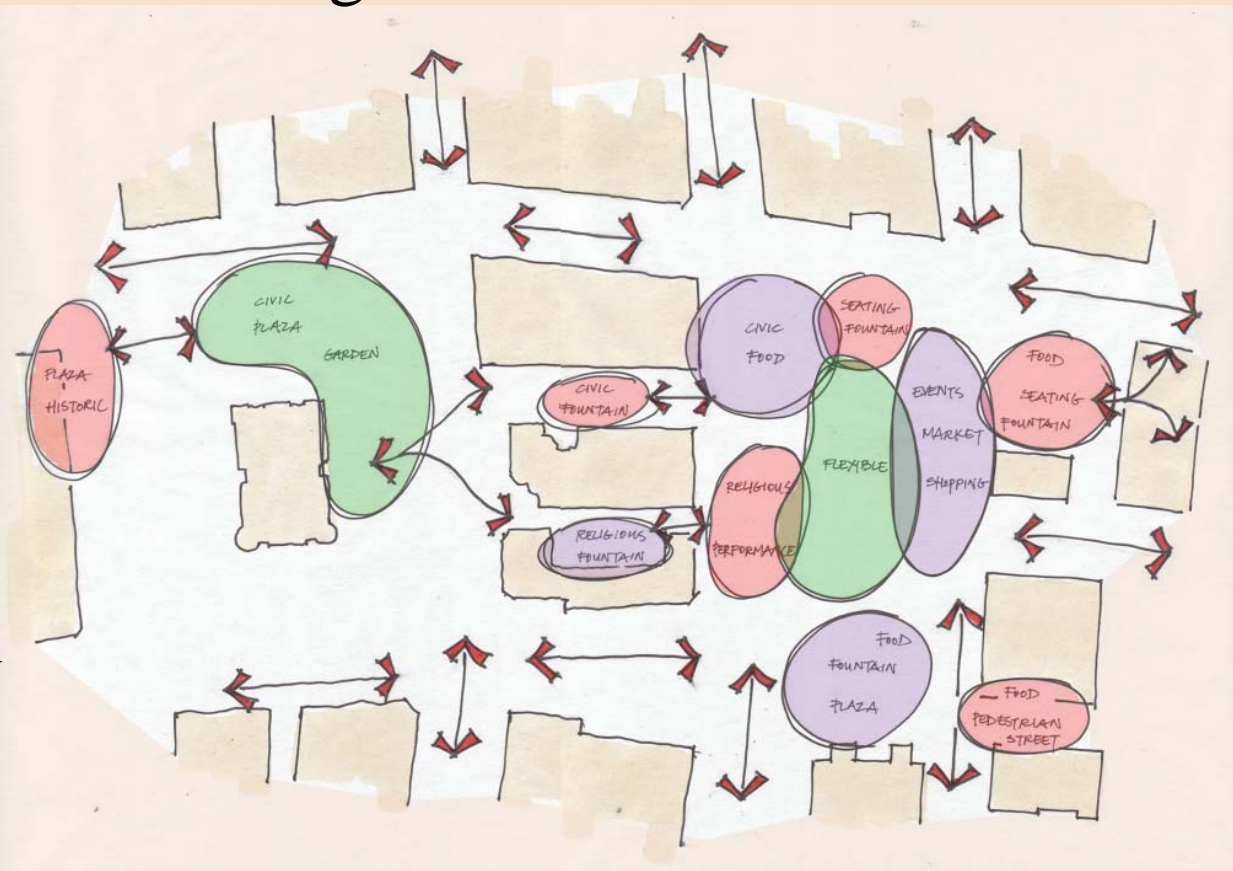
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Places Diagrams

12 Places within Main Plaza

Choices of things to do

- Triangulation opportunities
- Clustered activity around destinations



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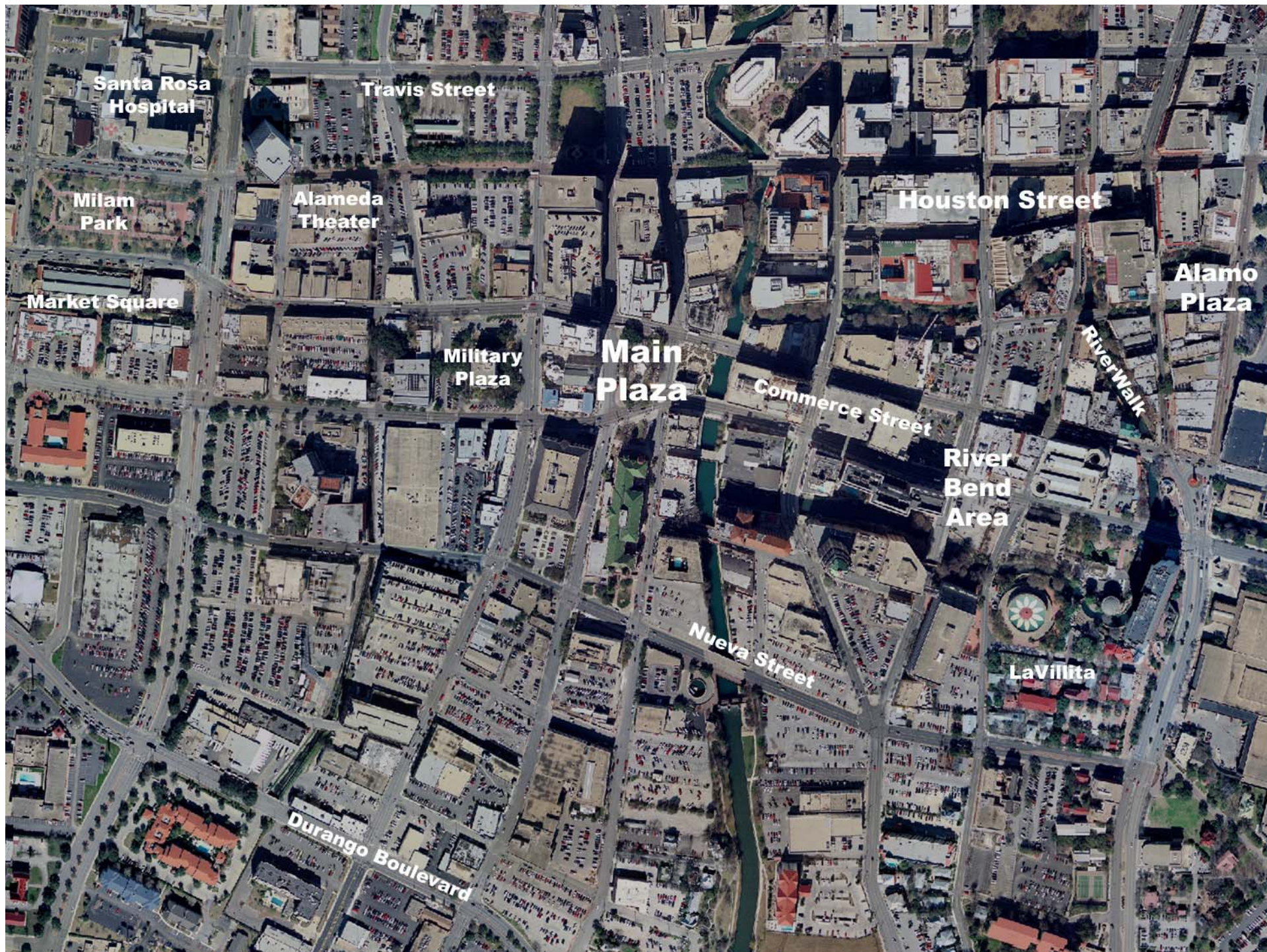
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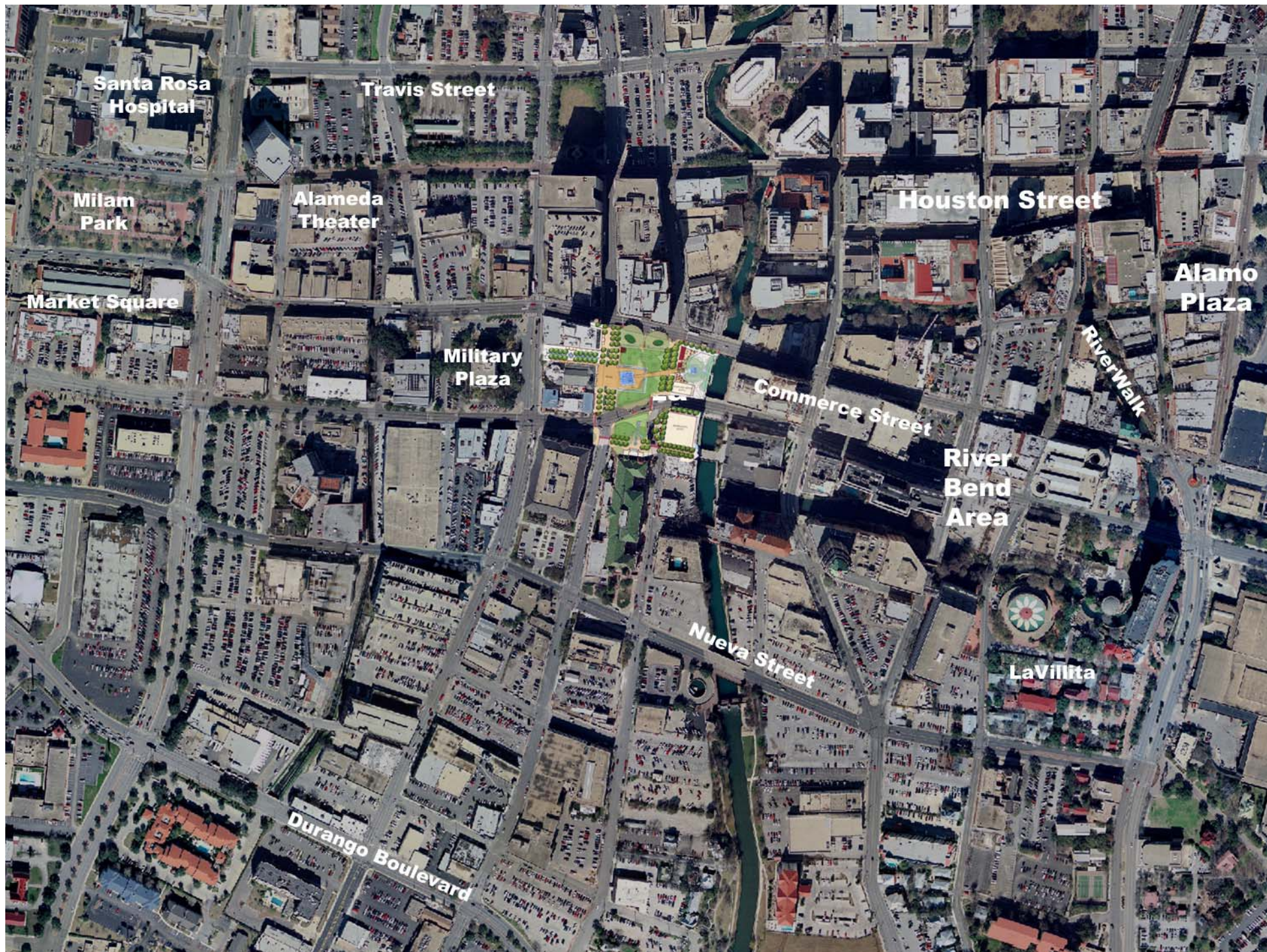
Schematic Plan



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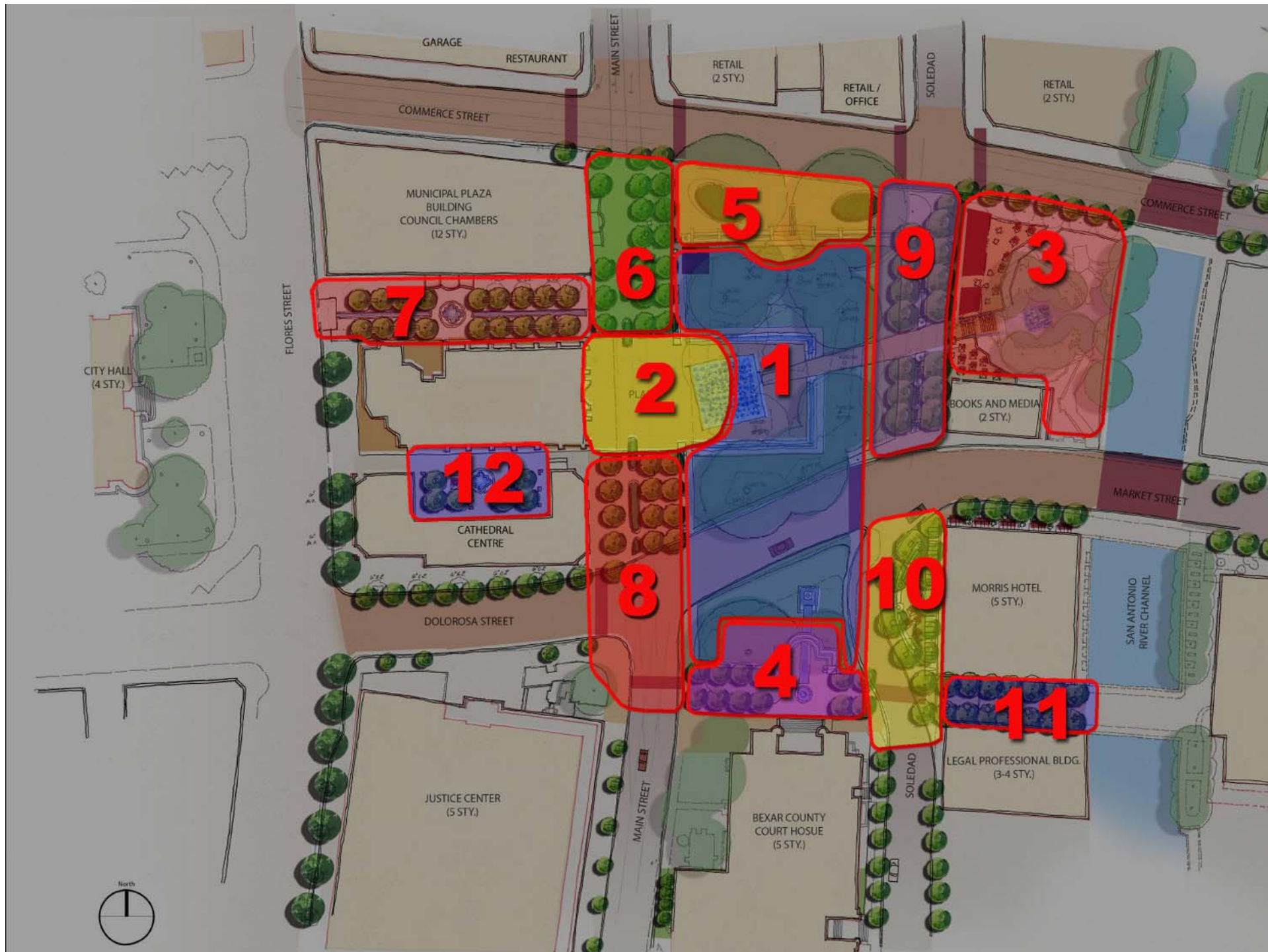
Plan Elements & Activities by Place

12 Places within Main Plaza

- Examples of Activities within each Place



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Place 1: Center of the Plaza

Activities

Sitting in the shade and reading, talking to people, or just watching people in the plaza

Eating lunch

Playing small games such as chess, checkers or dominoes

Looking at seasonal flower and horticultural displays

Interacting with art, especially for children

Watching a movie on a large screen

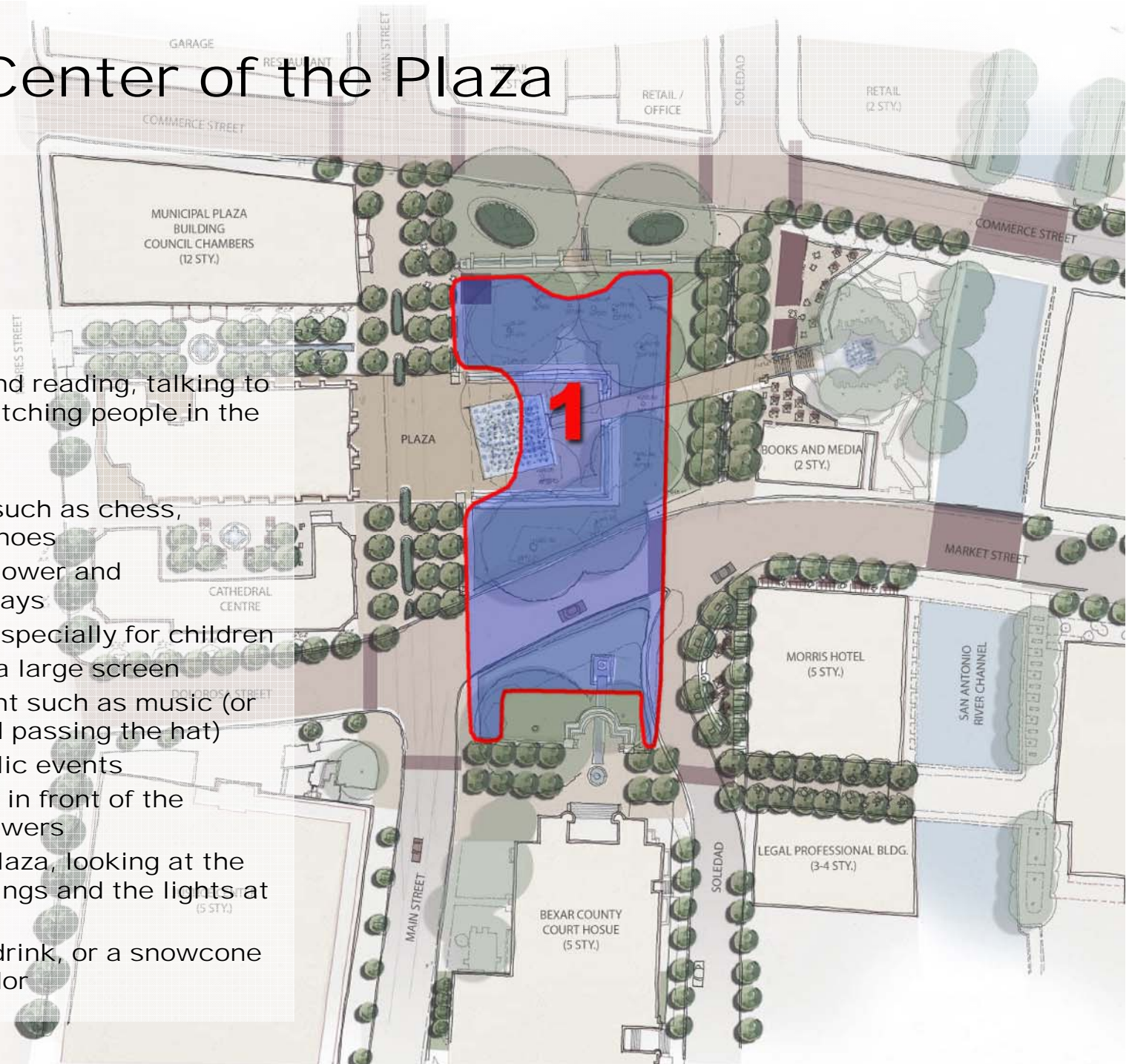
Watching a small event such as music (or playing music and passing the hat)

Engaging in large public events

Getting a photo taken in front of the fountain or the flowers

Strolling around the plaza, looking at the flowers, the buildings and the lights at night

Buying something to drink, or a snowcone from a raspa vendor



Place 2: Front of San Fernando Cathedral

Activities

Playing in, or at least touching the fountain
Assembling for a processional or attending
a large event such as a concert, a
church event, school choirs, etc.

Watching a film on a huge screen

Strolling and looking at the buildings lit up
at night

Listening to music at a large event

Getting a wedding photograph taken

Watching or playing small games

Strolling, take pictures and watching
people

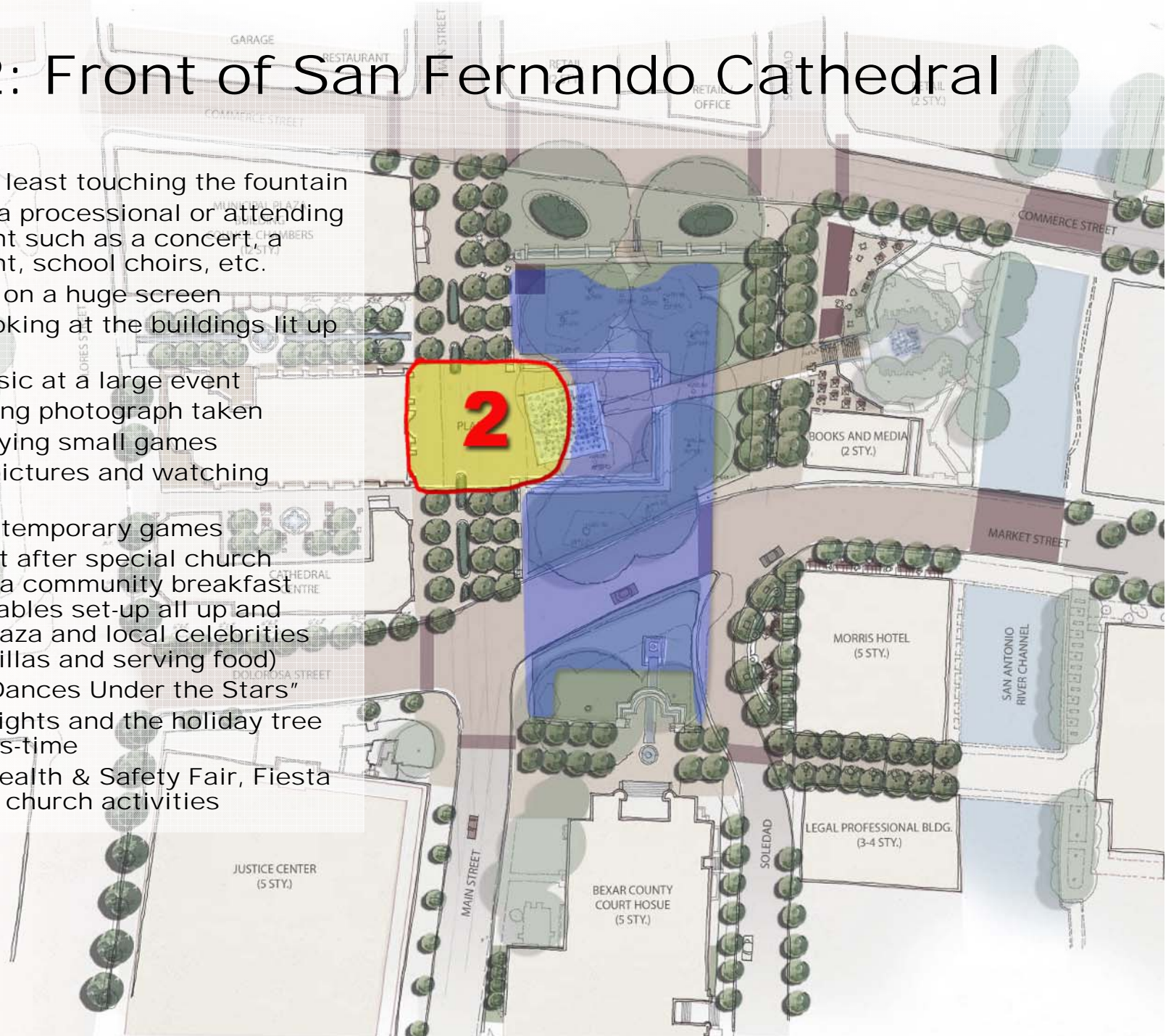
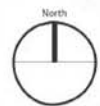
Participating in temporary games

Eating breakfast after special church
services at a community breakfast
(with long tables set-up all up and
down the plaza and local celebrities
making tortillas and serving food)

Festivals and "Dances Under the Stars"

Looking at the lights and the holiday tree
at Christmas-time

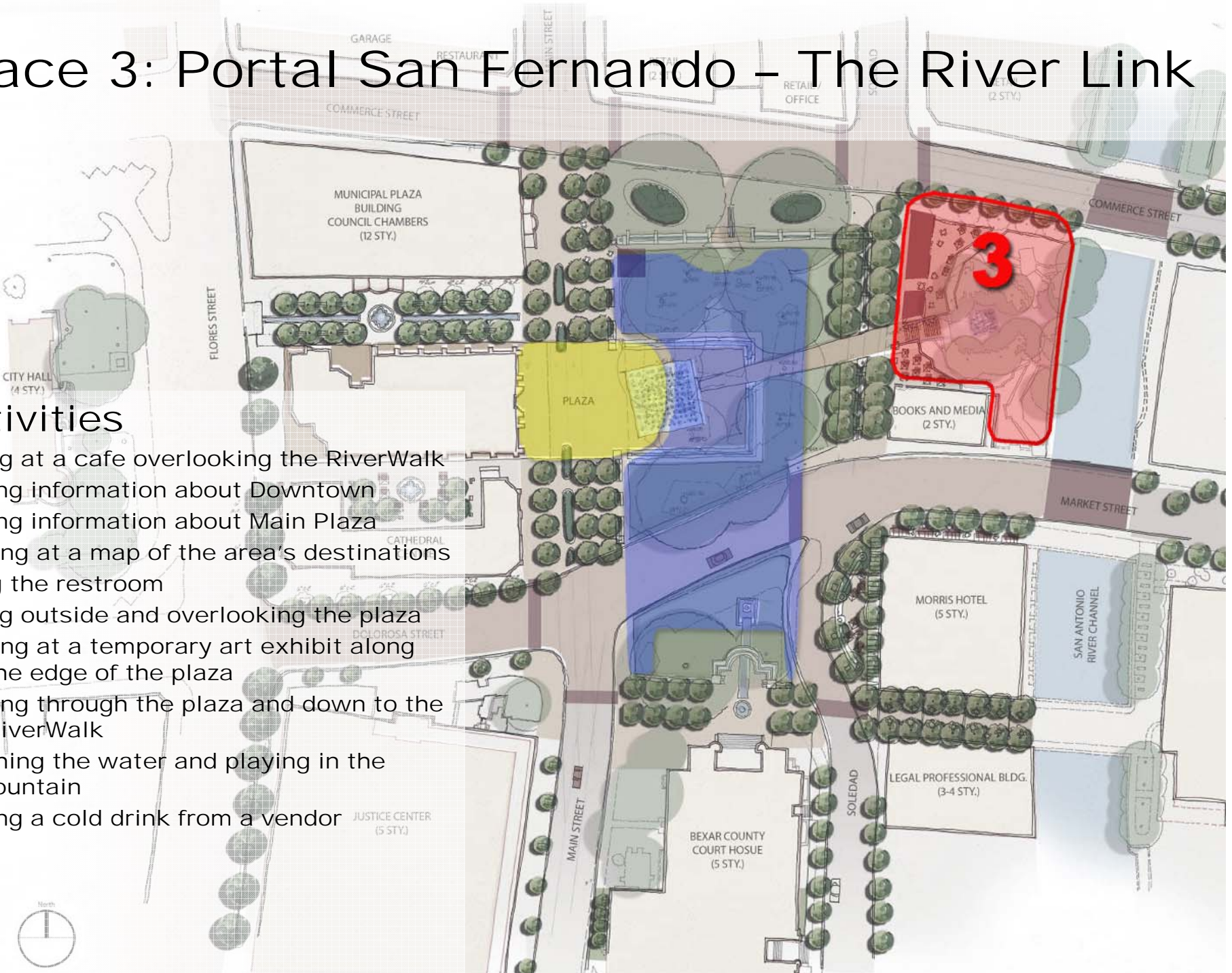
Attending the Health & Safety Fair, Fiesta
events, and church activities



Place 3: Portal San Fernando – The River Link

Activities

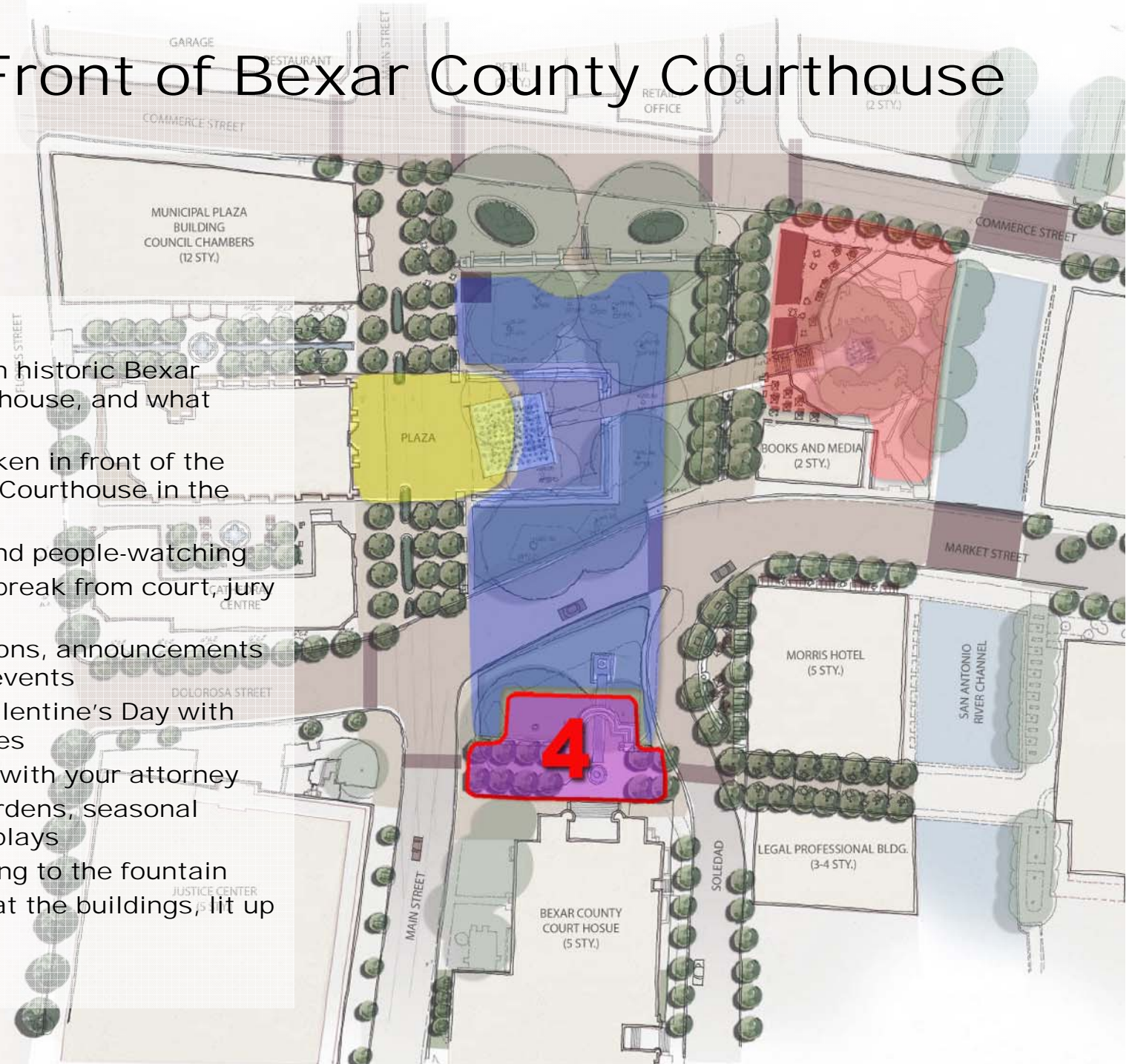
- Sitting at a cafe overlooking the RiverWalk
- Getting information about Downtown
- Getting information about Main Plaza
- Looking at a map of the area's destinations
- Using the restroom
- Sitting outside and overlooking the plaza
- Looking at a temporary art exhibit along the edge of the plaza
- Walking through the plaza and down to the RiverWalk
- Touching the water and playing in the fountain
- Getting a cold drink from a vendor



Place 4: Front of Bexar County Courthouse

Activities

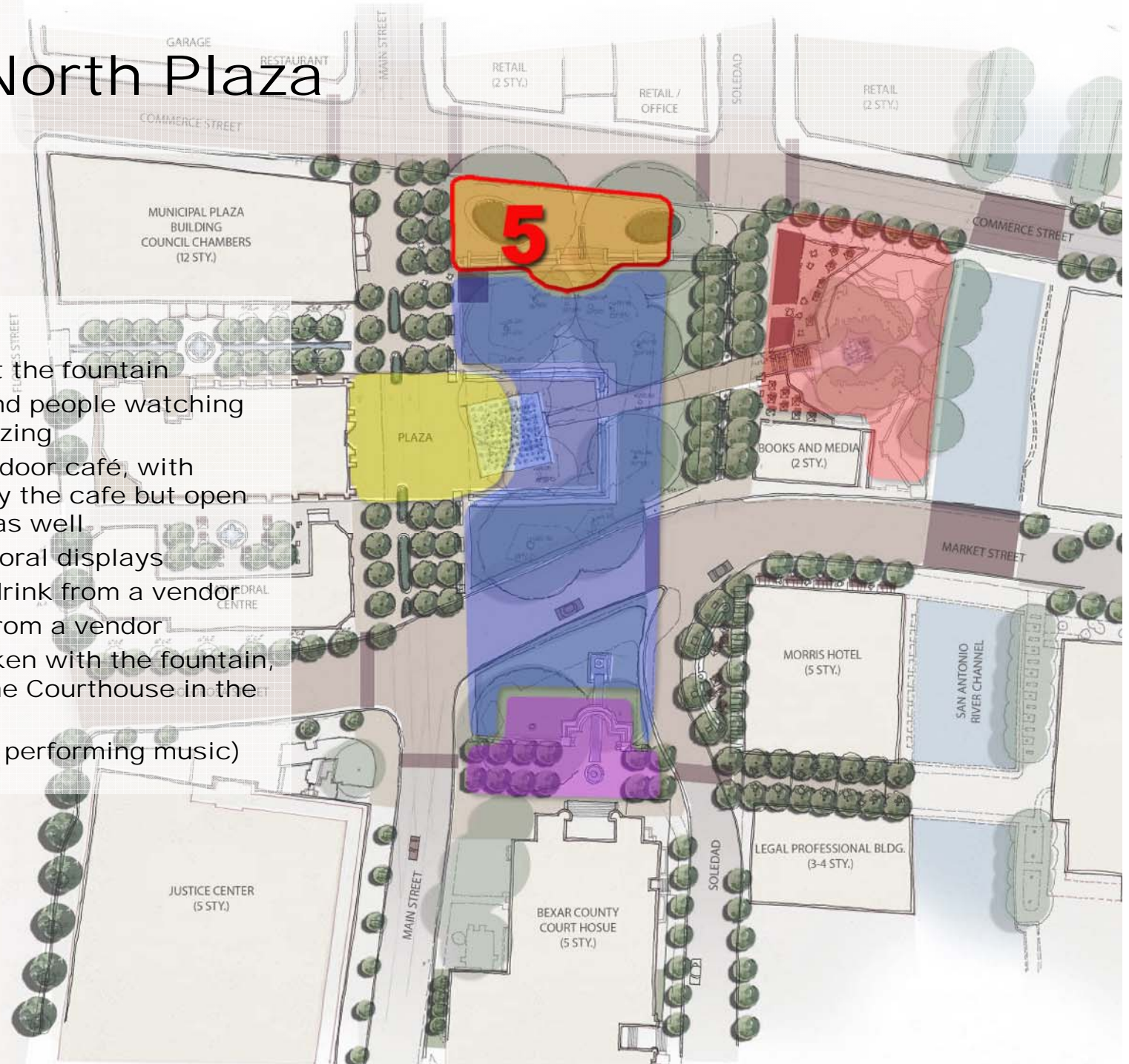
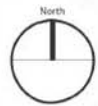
- Getting information on historic Bexar County, the Courthouse, and what goes on inside
- Getting your photo taken in front of the fountain with the Courthouse in the background
- Sitting in the shade and people-watching
- Coming outside for a break from court, jury duty or work
- Listening to the auctions, announcements and other public events
- Getting married on Valentine's Day with many other couples
- Discussing your case with your attorney
- Looking at special gardens, seasonal plantings and displays
- Looking at and listening to the fountain
- Strolling and looking at the buildings, lit up at night



Place 5: North Plaza

Activities

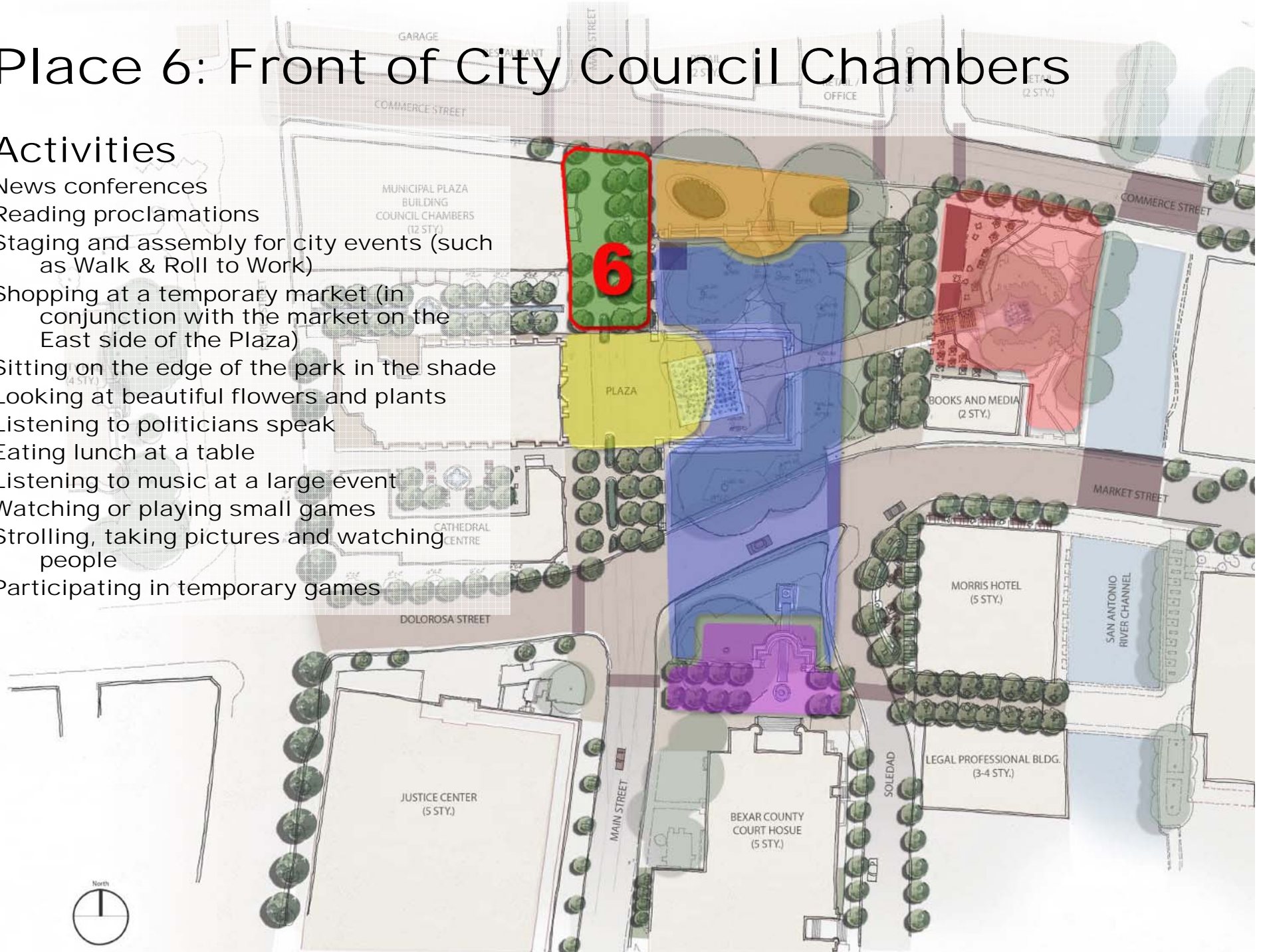
- Touching or looking at the fountain
- Sitting in the shade and people watching reading, or socializing
- Eating lunch at an outdoor café, with tables managed by the café but open to public seating as well
- Looking at seasonal floral displays
- Buying something to drink from a vendor
- Buying a newspaper from a vendor
- Getting your photo taken with the fountain, the flowers and the Courthouse in the background
- Listening to music (or performing music)



Place 6: Front of City Council Chambers

Activities

- News conferences
- Reading proclamations
- Staging and assembly for city events (such as Walk & Roll to Work)
- Shopping at a temporary market (in conjunction with the market on the East side of the Plaza)
- Sitting on the edge of the park in the shade
- Looking at beautiful flowers and plants
- Listening to politicians speak
- Eating lunch at a table
- Listening to music at a large event
- Watching or playing small games
- Strolling, taking pictures and watching people
- Participating in temporary games



Place 7: Elizondo Courtyard



Activities

- Attending an exhibit or display of art, children's art, displays from Sister Cities or displays of City-wide importance
- Sitting in the shade in a garden environment (under a shade structure or a tree)
- Listening to the fountain
- Attending a reception related to a city event
- Buying and eating lunch or something to drink from a vendor
- Getting your photo taken with your Councilperson
- Looking at seasonal displays of flowers
- Sitting at tables and chairs and reading or eating or waiting for your Zoning case to be heard

Place 8: West Plaza Promenade

Activities

Sitting on the edge of the park in the shade

Shopping at a temporary market (in conjunction with the market on Soledad Street)

Looking at beautiful flowers and plants

Eating lunch at a table managed by the cafe, but open to public seating as well

Listening to music at a large event

Watch or play small games

Strolling, taking pictures and watching people

Assembling for a processional or attending a large event such as a concert, a church event, school choirs, etc.

Strolling and looking at the buildings lit up at night

Listening to music at a large event

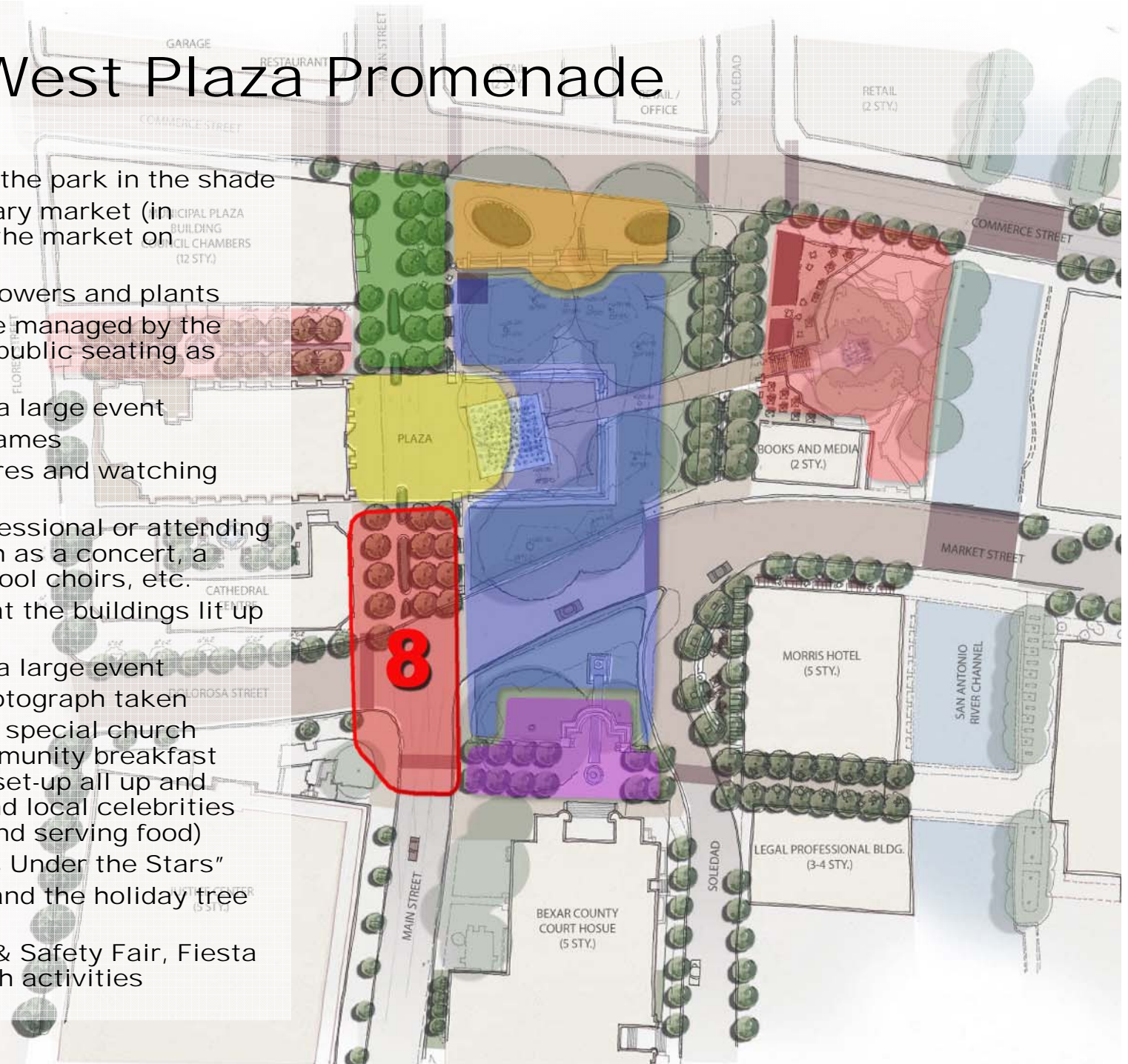
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Place 9: East Plaza Promenade

Activities

Looking at an outdoor display of books at the bookstore under a colorful awning

Sitting outside the bookstore on the patio, or on a bench reading, talking to people, or just watching people in the plaza and on the river

Having a cup of coffee at the outdoor cafe

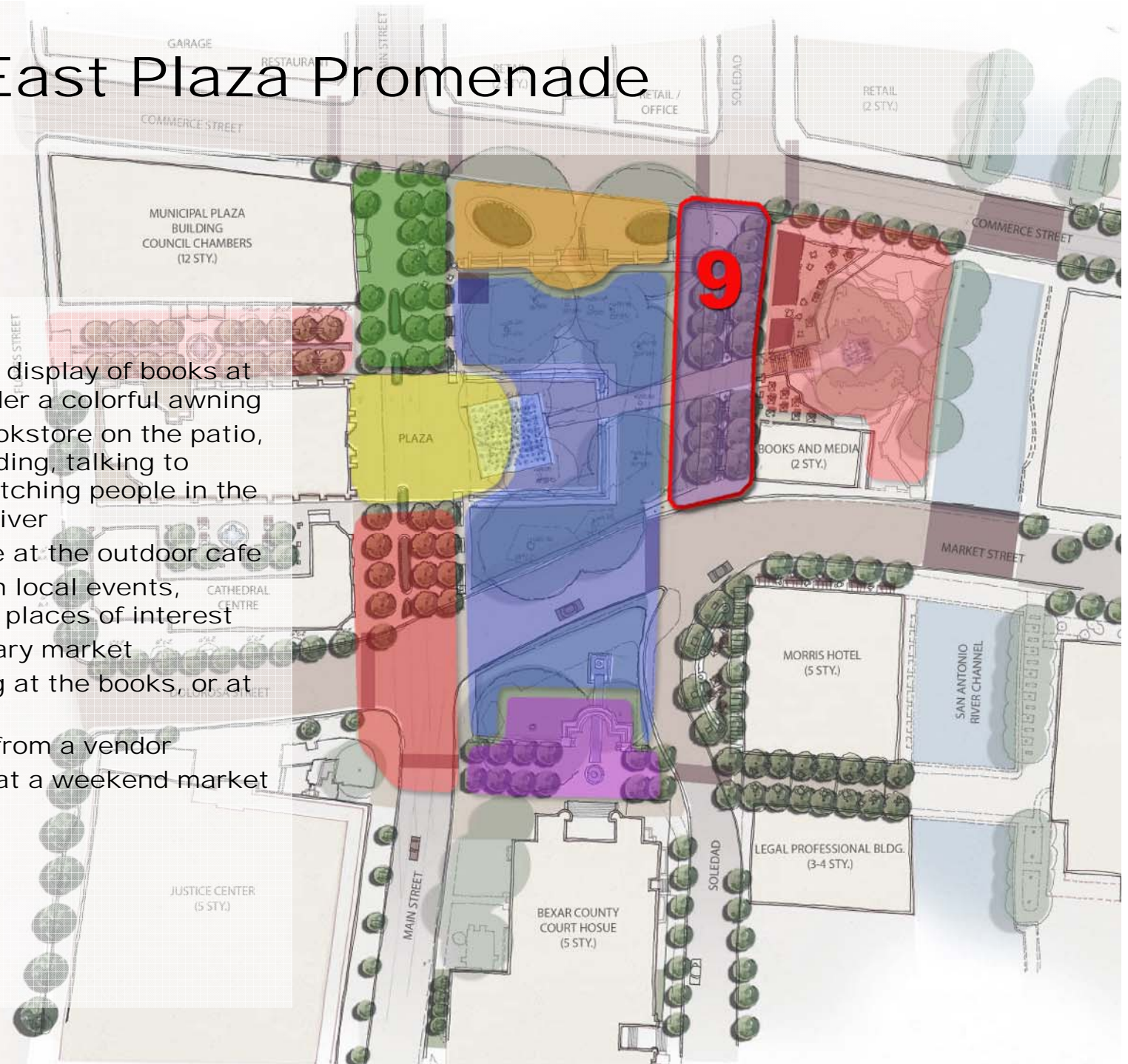
Getting information on local events, historic tours and places of interest

Shopping at a temporary market

Strolling and browsing at the books, or at the market

Getting a newspaper from a vendor

Buying food or crafts at a weekend market



Place 10: Dwyer Street Promenade

Activities

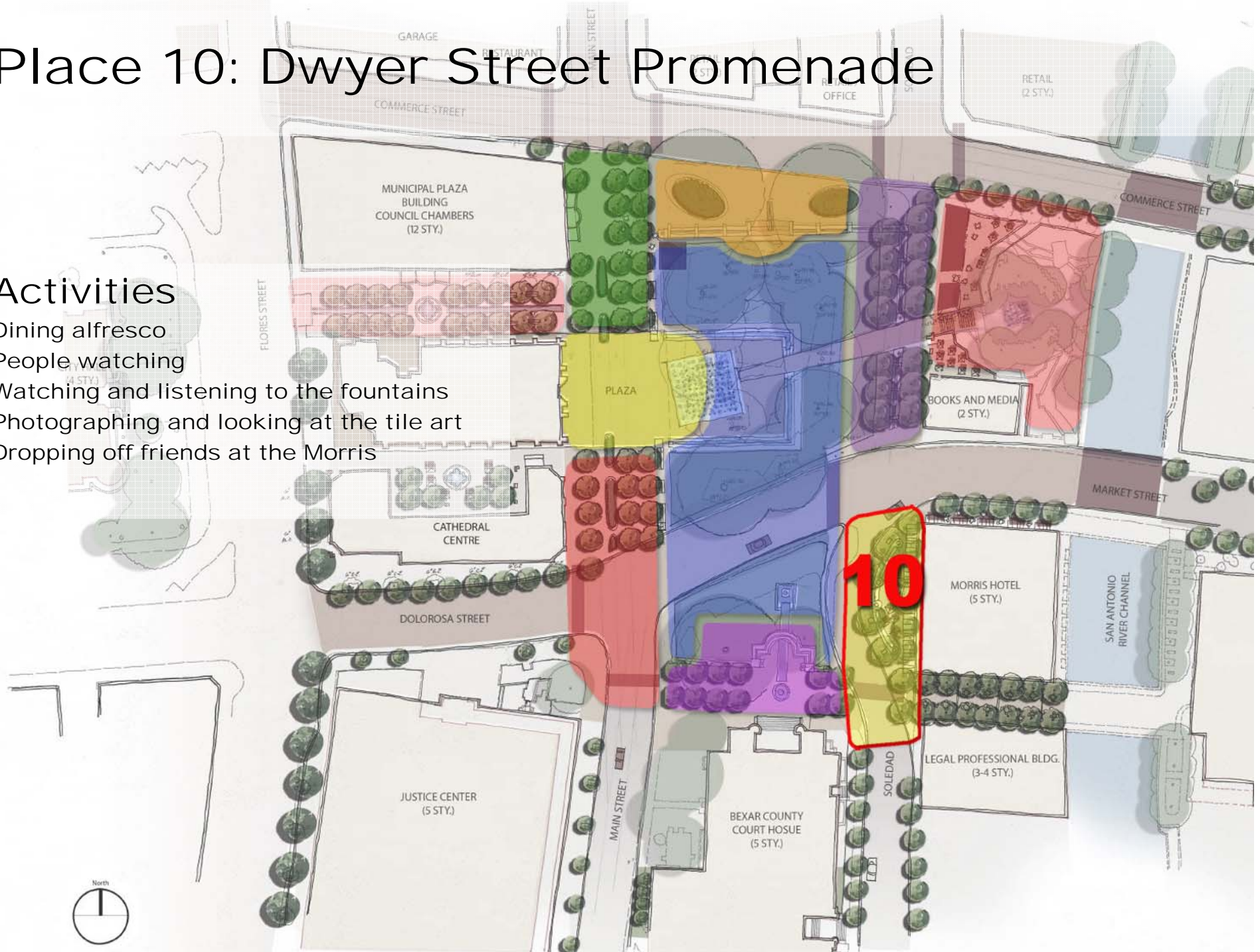
Dining alfresco

People watching

Watching and listening to the fountains

Photographing and looking at the tile art

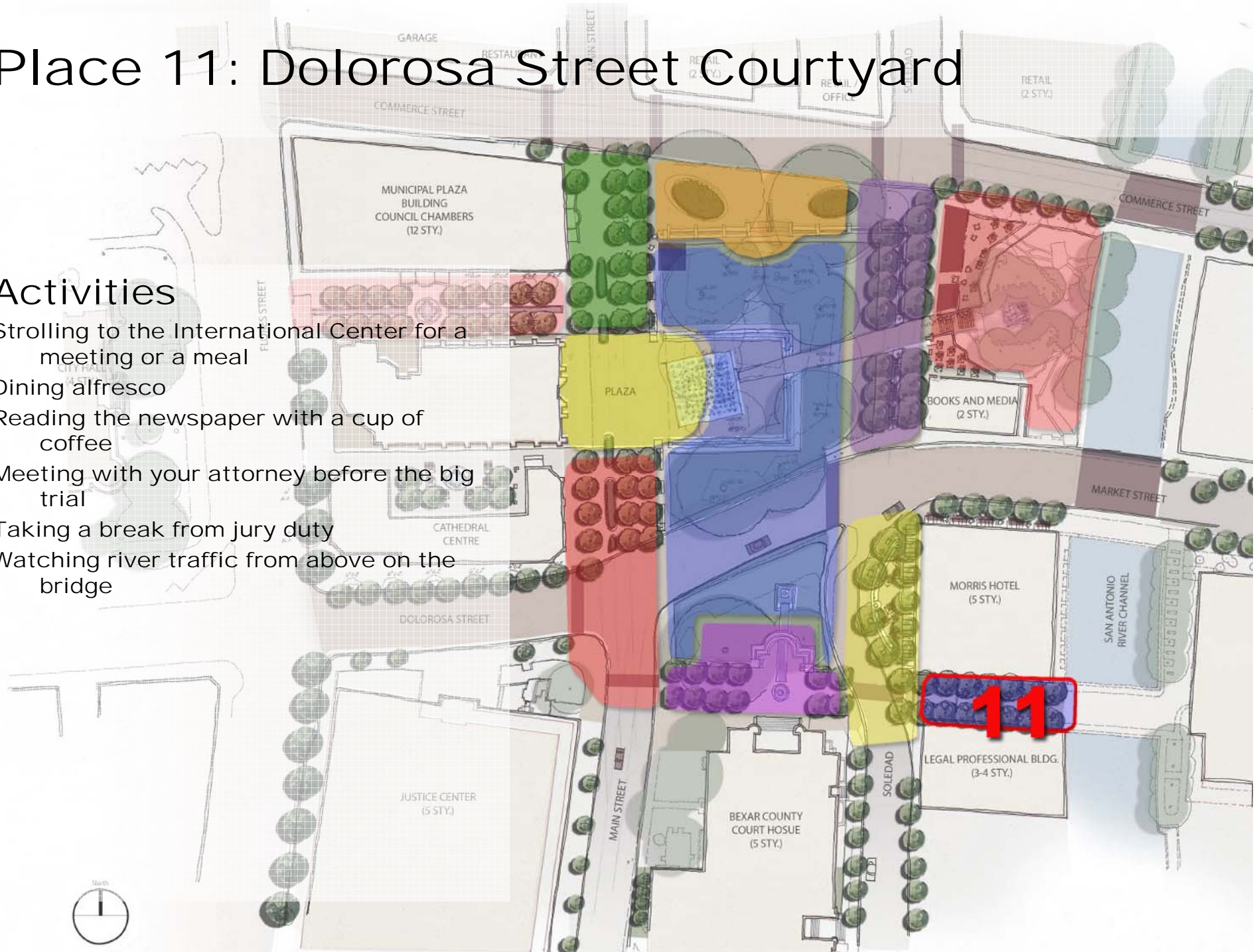
Dropping off friends at the Morris



Place 11: Dolorosa Street Courtyard

Activities

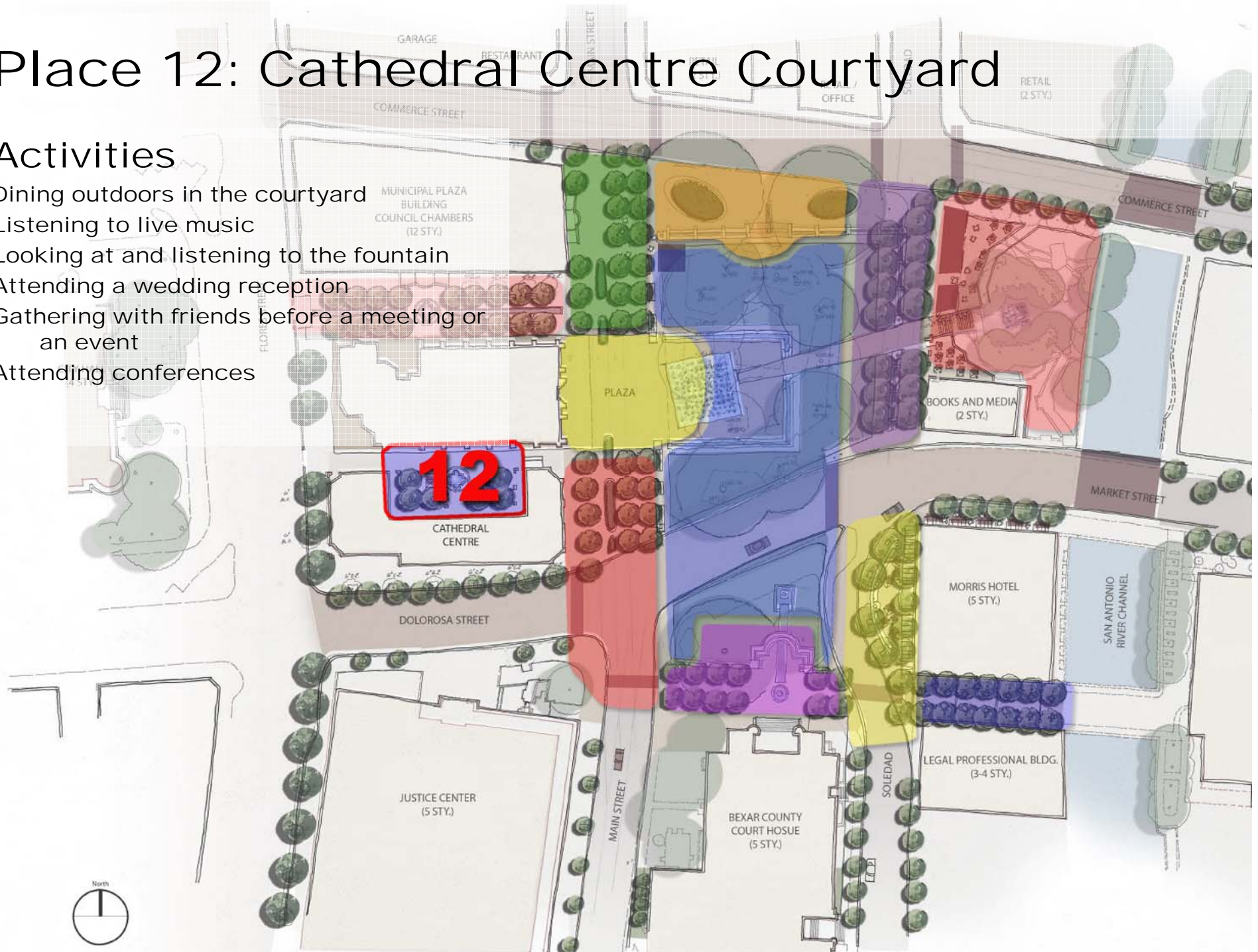
- Strolling to the International Center for a meeting or a meal
- Dining alfresco
- Reading the newspaper with a cup of coffee
- Meeting with your attorney before the big trial
- Taking a break from jury duty
- Watching river traffic from above on the bridge



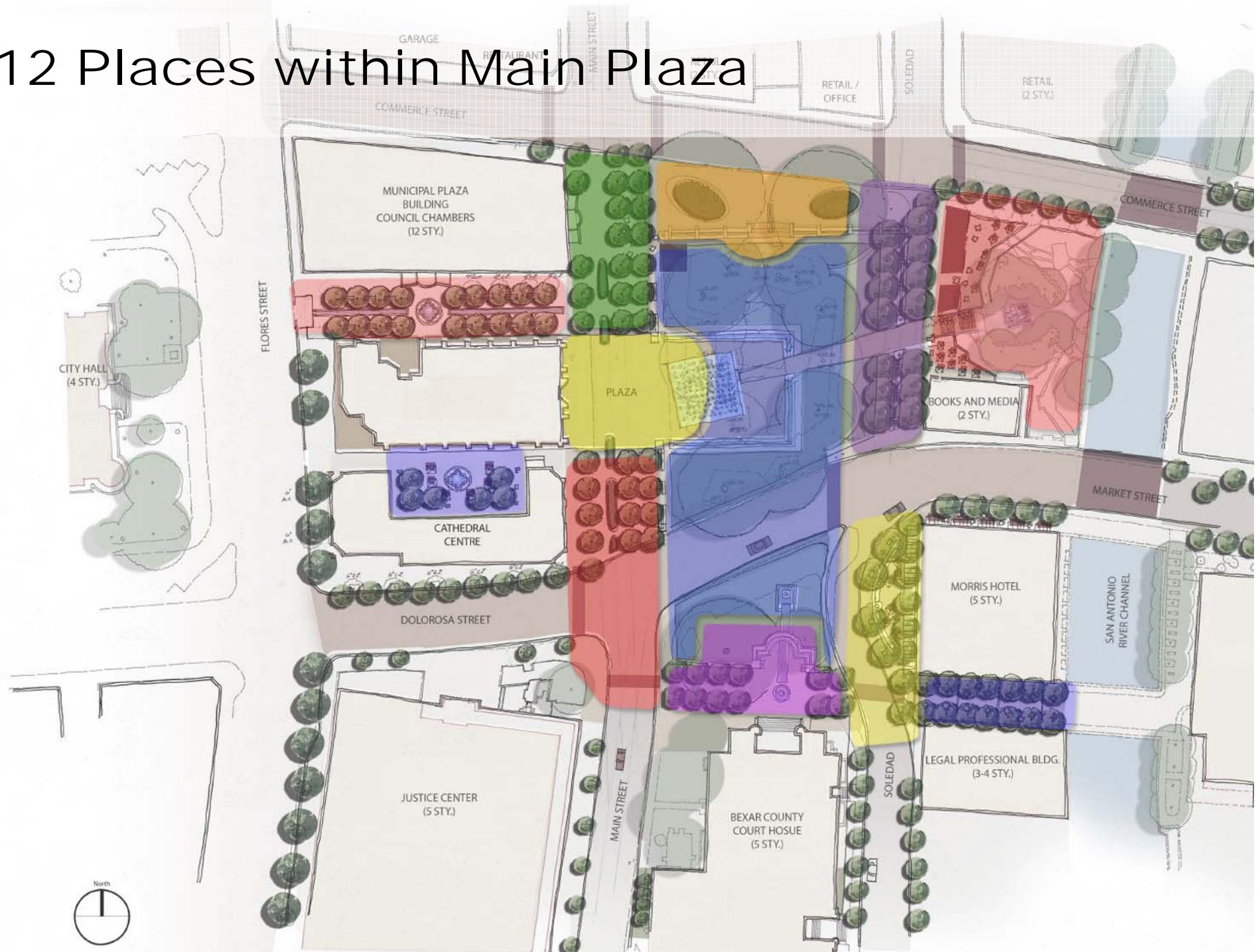
Place 12: Cathedral Centre Courtyard

Activities

- Dining outdoors in the courtyard
- Listening to live music
- Looking at and listening to the fountain
- Attending a wedding reception
- Gathering with friends before a meeting or an event
- Attending conferences



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Next Steps



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Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2006
6 pm at VIA Board Room



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City Council 'B' Session Presentation

Wednesday, June 7, 2006



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City Council Action

Thursday, June 8, 2006



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Next Steps

- Design Development
 - Refinements to the plan
- Consideration of Management Structure
 - Central to the solution



Thank You



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Public Comment



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